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## WHAT IS YOUR DUTY?

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(Concluded.)

### 2. THE GAINING OF MENTAL POWER.

Mental power is gained by exercise just as physical power is; it is not the absorption of nourishing food that makes the body strong, but the constant exercise of its muscles; it is not the taking in of information, that strengthens the mind, but the constant employment of its powers in overcoming difficulties. Any branch of study, which is not merely formal, offers a field for such practice; the more varied the types, the more difficult and abstruse the conditions, the greater the possible accretion of mental power. Mental power, therefore, is specifically of a man's own begetting. Shun so-called easy studies; what is at the beck of everybody is not worth running after; if you can select none other, remember that you will, at best, acquire only an ornament. If you would have mental fibre, pursue the subject for which you have no talent and conquer its difficulties by sheer force of will; you will come out all the stronger and all the better prepared for the discharge of duties in life, which you do not like, but which necessity forces upon you and requires you to do well. To learn anything in the usual receptive, not to say passive, manner is of no benefit whatever toward that end; languages may be acquired to the point of reading, or speaking, history may become a rounded string of dates and events, geography a net work, in which every mesh is known, chemistry and physics may offer up their phenomena to curious gaze and retentive memory, yea, even algebra, geometry and allied branches of mathematics may be pursued without in any degree contributing to a development of mental power; it is possible to carry district school methods through a whole college career and to become a graduate devoid of force through never having attempted to convert mental food into mental fibre. Woefully mistaken, indeed, is the student, who believes he is doing all that is necessary or all that he can, when he attends faithfully to his classes and prepares his lessons mechanically and listlessly; if he acquire a language by repetition, as he does his mother tongue, calling for aid and explanation as soon as difficulties appear in sight upon the teacher or friend, or that common foe to mental development, a superabundantly annotated edition, he may acquire an ornamented feather to his cap, but he has wasted the opportunity of his life. Instead, he should, after mastering the forms, give his whole mind to the comprehension of the text in hand, and, not content with a general idea of its meaning, which usually covers a multitude of sins, apply himself the more ardently, the more difficult and obscure a sentence, until he has penetrated into and mastered its meaning; every day thus spent brings its reward; every new difficulty overcome adds a new fibre to the mind or seasons one already in existence, until at the end of a college career the student has become a man of conscious power, self-sustained and equal to any emergency in which life may place him. In a similar way chemistry or physics should be studied; in these the formal or phenomenal parts demand at the outset greater mental exertion than a language; no mere memory work suffices; all the powers of observation, comparison, generalization are called into action and taxed severely, no mere process of logic leads to the truth; the divine spark of induction is *sui generis*; it is unique. Memory and perception call up be-

fore the mind all the facts of a group, and intuition sees through and behind them the law by which they are governed. This is likewise the manner in which we arrive at conclusions in life, and for that reason the study of the inductive sciences is so fructifying; each furnishes to the student, who has patiently and laboriously wrestled with its problems, an invigorating mental training and an instrument of power not obtained by any other. Here then lies the student's duty in a higher sphere and with graver import; do his friends send him and watch over him from afar with loving sympathy to be turned in to a mere receptacle of information or do they expect him to return a self-made man of power and promise. Are you doing your duty? But the highest aim as the result of an education is

### 3. THE FORMATION OF CHARACTER.

This differs from reputation in that character is what a man is, reputation what others think him to be, so that reputation can be either better or worse than a man's character, and is at best but a poor means for measuring a man's worth. Character is what a man is, and as a thinking moral being he must realize in himself an approach to perfection. Truthful, just, unselfish, merciful, sympathetic, strong, wise, bold, all this a man of character must be. Can he himself contribute to this result and how? If wisdom comes from knowledge and strength from mental vigor, then their acquisition depends upon individual effort as has been shown; should moral power be a mere gift of providence and circumstances and the individual only an instrument to display it? To suppose so would certainly be unphilosophical and incompatible with our belief in the goodness of God. Nay, moral power, as the outward manifestation of moral sense, is as much open to be striven for and attained as is mental power, the outward manifestation of reason, and if it takes effort to strengthen the powers of memory, perception, combination, deduction, and induction so likewise it takes effort to strengthen our love of truth, justice, unselfishness, mercy and sympathy. Rigid conformity in thought, act and speech to the reality of things constitutes truthfulness; it is at the base of moral character, and demands a long and laborious effort at self-examination, self-denial and courage, before it becomes engrafted into our moral fibre; but being the prerequisite to moral soundness the fight for it must be made by those who would possess the latter. As a help to it, avoid levity about so-called old fashioned ideas, speech and people; truth cannot be made ridiculous and those who would make it so should be shunned by all well-meaning, self-respecting youths; carry this same rigid conformity in thought, act and speech to the reality of things into politics, business, the church, in fact, everywhere. The ease with which the most atrocious stories, involving libel, misrepresentation and falsehood, are told about political candidates and measures, and gloated over, reveals a grave sore at the very heart of society. Justice and unselfishness come next and are acquired by like efforts at victorious self-denial. Love purity, not only purity in act, but purity in speech and thought; reverence its manifestations in others and do not abide a moment where it is lacking, unless, indeed, it is to make known in unmistakable language your abhorrence of everything that is vile or mean or dishonorable; the fact is, the effort

to be made for the acquisition of character is longer, more severe and more taxing in every way, than the effort for the acquisition of mental power, and the query on the lips of the timid is, does it pay to make it? For answer, I would ask does it pay to have and preserve one's self-respect? And is that necessary to one's happiness? If it is then the question is answered; but it has yet another exceedingly practical side; most men are obliged to make a living, and to make it, by the exercise of mental power and the use of knowledge, is certainly more satisfactory and more remunerative than to make it by muscular exertion; but here character comes in, since no one would employ even the most learned and most vigorous person mentally if he were known to have no character; it is unnecessary to dwell further upon this point; false reputation may help out for a while, but in the end truth rises to the surface, and unhappiness and misery, though deserved, are the natural results.

May I hope that these hastily penned lines will cause the young men and young women of this University to think, whether they fulfill the expectations of their friends and their own mission as students, in making the proper and sustained effort to acquire knowledge, mental power and character with their complement of spiritual independence?

### DIED.

FISHER.—At the residence of Mr. W. W. Lampkins, Tuesday, April 8, 1902, Mrs. A. M. Fisher, aged 68 years, after a long illness. The funeral was conducted by the Golden Queen Court from the A. M. E. church Wednesday.

### MARRIED.

TURNER-WOODS.—At the residence of Mrs. Lina Hickman, Monday evening Mr. Thomas Turner and Miss Rebecca Woods, both of Columbia.

DENNY-WATTS.—At the residence of the groom in south Columbia, Mr. Eli Denny and Miss Eliza Watts were quietly married Wednesday evening Rev. J. B. Parsons officiating.

### A WESTERN WOMAN.

Mrs. J. Silone Yates, of Kansas City, the cultured president of the National Association of Colored Women, is receiving a most flattering reception in the east. Her address before the National Council of Women in Washington, was pronounced as "one of the most scholarly of the addresses given" while her addresses before the Congress of Mothers on "Kindergartens and Mothers' Clubs Among the Colored Race" was received with unbounded enthusiasm; portions of it being selected for publication in the Ladies' Home Journal. In Philadelphia her Washington triumphs were repeated.

Mrs. Yates is a scholarly cultured and refined woman and we of the West are particularly proud of her. Her election as president of the N. A. C. W. was the result of a compromise but she has demonstrated by her ability that the Association made no mistake in her selection. She is a representative cultured western woman and she is throwing the strength of her cultured mind and magnetic personality into the work assigned her.—The Omaha Enterprise.

### LOST.

A new ladies shoe between C. B. Millers shoe store and the east Broadway toll-gate finder please leave at Jas. Williams' barber-shop.

## MACON NEWS.

Mr. Oscar Lobbins is well again to the delight of his many friends.

Mr. Harry Davis left Saturday for his home in Ohio after spending several weeks in this city in the Shear factory.

Mrs. Vina Smith is visiting her daughter Mrs. Nellie Evans, in Plattsburg.

Mrs. Nannie Martin will leave for Kansas City about the 10 inst.

Miss Maud Allen, who teaches at Clarence, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Allen.

The K. P. Lodge has rented a hall on Vine st., and it is being fitted up by them to accommodate other lodges of the city.

Little Kathleen Smith is ill this week.

State of Ohio, city of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

A. W. GLEASON,

(SEAL) Notary Public.

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### PHILLIS WHEATLY.

#### The Greatest Negro poetess.

The poems of Phillis Wheatly, now little read, attracted great attention a century ago. The date of her birth is unknown, but she was supposed to be about seven or eight years old when brought from Africa and offered for sale in Boston in 1761. In that year, Mrs. John Wheatly living in King, now State, Street, wishing to buy a young slave whom she might train as her own personal attendant, went to the market to make a selection, and bought this child, being much attracted by her appearance.

The poor little creature had retained almost no remembrance of her home, but described some rude form of worship at which a libation was poured before the sun every day at his rising.

Phillis was soon seen trying to print letters with a piece of chalk, and Mrs. Wheatly's daughter, taking pity on her, taught her to read. Mrs. Wheatly became so much interested in her that she made her a companion, not allowing her to associate with the other servants.

About the age of sixteen she became a member of the Old South church, under the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Sewall, whose death she afterwards commemorated in a poem.

She early began to write, and her talents and intelligence brought her into notice, but she always retained a peculiarly modest and retiring demeanor. As an illustration of this it is said that when visiting she declined appearing at the table with the family, and begged permission to have her meals at a side table.

Many of her poems were never published. When she went to Wilmington a quantity of manuscript was left in charge of one of her friends, a relative of Mrs. Wheatly. When Peters, some time after her death, went south, he claimed these papers; nothing father was known of them.

## NOTICE.

The meeting, at which Subscriptions will be received for the proposed hospital, will be held at the St. Paul's Hall, Monday evening April 14th. The crowd will be favored with selections by the silver cornet band every body requested to be present.

J. E. PERRY, Pres.

R. L. LOGAN, Sec.

### A NICE WEDDING.

A very nice wedding occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Blackman Wednesday evening, when Mr. Sylvester Logan, and Miss Virgie Blackman were made husband and wife. Rev. J. B. Parsons tied the nuptial knot. The bride and groom are well known in Columbia and are members of two of the oldest families in Boone county. Refreshments were served, and an enjoyable time was had by all present. The Columbia band of which the groom is a member, surprised the crowd by serenading them during the evening which was highly appreciated. Among those present were, Mr. and Mrs. June Blackman, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blackman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clarkson, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Logan, Mesdames Christopher Hicks, Annie Carter, Emiline Williams, Emiline Worfield, Ellen Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. John Bryant, Mr. John Brown, and Marnie Worfield.

### SHORTCAKE WILL BE SHORTER.

Strawberry raisers have sent out a report that the strawberry crop in the Missouri field will be short for the next two seasons. The stock of plants is exhausted in the markets in which Missouri growers obtain their supplies.

### WEB GORDON TELLS A STORY.

From the Sturgeon Leader.

Webster Gordon tells this story on Judge John A. Hockaday: The judge was trying a case when an old man who, it was plain, had never been in a court room before, was called to the witness stand to testify. He came forward and went straight up the steps leading to the bench, instead of turning off and going into the witness box. One of the court officials promptly brought the man down and showed him the proper place. The judge smiled at the man's mistake and asked: "Did you want to come up on the bench and be a judge, sir?" "I don't know, your honor," answered the man; "I'm getting old now, and I guess that's all I'm fit for."

### A FABLE.

A Nebraska politician has grown tired of politics and public life and refused office. This is what he says: "I would rather stand and look at a pig squealing for a place at a trough than to sit in a luxurious office and hear the chronic office-seekers squealing for a snap. There is something restful about a barnyard. It is a real pleasure to lean against a haystack and converse with the hired man who has no axes to grind and whose highest ambition is to borrow a chew of tobacco. I take more pride in my ability to guess the weight of a fat hog than I do in my capacity to hold the helm of the ship of state."—Ex.

### WALKED FROM COLUMBIA.

Sedalia Sentinel, March 30.

Having spent all their spare money in riotous living—a habit that college boys have—eight of the students at Columbia decided Friday that they would like to spend Easter Sunday in Sedalia. They counted their cash and then decided to walk back home. The immortal eight were: Leon Marshall, of Sikeston; Frank Kidd, Reuben, Lee and Dick Gentry,

Frank Hobart, Charlie Rhodes and Roy Dalby, of this city.

The party started at 12:56 p. m. Friday from Columbia and walked and walked and walked. They spent the night at Boonville, and from appearances, slept in a hay barn. About the time the party arrived at Pilot Grove the snow storm commenced and the train coming along about then they succeeded in raising enough money to ride into Sedalia.

The boys claim to have made three and one-half miles an hour while walking.

### NEW SERIES OF STAMPS.

We learn from a recent Associated Press dispatch that after twelve years of continuous use, Uncle Sam has grown tired of his "regular" series of postage stamps and has decided to surprise the public with an entirely new set. While the Postoffice department has issued three series of commemorative stamps—the Columbian, Transmississippi and Pan-American, its small, familiar "regulars" now sold at all post-offices have been in uninterrupted use since 1890.

Work on the new series has already begun at the bureau of engraving and printing, in which the government instituted its postage stamp mill eight years ago, when it took the work of manufacturing its millions of little engraved sticking plasters out of the hands of a private company.

Philatelists will be tickled to death when they hear that Uncle Sam has decided to launch this new issue of regular stamps. They always reap a harvest when a new issue of any kind is made, and there will be sufficient novelty in this to satisfy them all. There will be new sizes and shapes, new shades and tints and all will have new border designs.

### CITY NOTES.

Mr. Warren Wilson spent Sunday in St. Louis visiting his children.

Prof. R. H. Payne returned from St. Louis Monday.

Mrs. A. B. Moore is visiting friends and relatives in Jefferson City.

Rev. J. B. Parsons left Thursday for his home in Jefferson City.

Miss Lucile Smith left last Thursday for Denver, Colorado, where she will remain some time on account of her health.

Rev. P. W. Montgomery, of Platt City, preached at the Second Baptist church last Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. A. A. Adams, of Omaha, Nebraska, will preach at the Second Baptist church Sunday morning and evening.

Presiding Elder Bryant is in the city and will hold quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church Sunday.

Mr. Thad Lange is on the sick list.

The friends of Miss Lucile Smith gave her a pleasant surprise last Wednesday evening.

Mr. John Grant is building a nice house on Ash Street for Mr. Talton Woods.

Prof. J. S. Harris, of Kansas City, made a very pleasant visit to Columbia last week.

Born April 7th, to the wife of "Uncle Dave" Caldwell, City scavenger, an eight pound boy.

### Dressmaking.

Plain sewing and dressmaking done by Mrs. A. B. Moore, prices reasonable. Phone 638; 305, N. 5th st.